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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
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SUBJECT: DISLOCATED WORKER WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY NETWORK
CONSORTIUM

This bulletin is to inform you that a series of workshops focused on dislocated worker programs are offered to community college, state and local Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and state and local welfare reform agency administrators and line staff. These workshops will be presented by the NETWORK Consortium. The NETWORK is a consortium of community colleges dedicated to the growth, development, and continuing education of workforce development, employment, training, and literacy professionals. This series of workshops was offered last year to California Employment Development Department (EDD), community college, and local Private Industry Council/Workforce Development Board personnel in southern California.

The intent of the workshops is to create a better understanding of the role of community colleges, federal and state programs, and local workforce development professionals in serving the needs of dislocated workers and other unemployed individuals. Throughout the six workshops, participants will learn about each others' systems, explore ways to work together in serving dislocated workers, and jointly design strategies to better serve that population. The Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) of EDD has funded the six workshops for the northern California area and is anxious to bring together professionals from the aforementioned entities to better serve participants enrolled in the JTPA Title III Dislocated Worker programs. It is hoped that the methods and recommended strategies that are explored for serving dislocated workers can carry-over to the Welfare-to-Work/welfare reform arena.

Each of the six workshops will be offered at community college campuses to introduce the workshop participants to the services and training possibilities at the community college campus; the workshops are free. It is, however, the responsibility of each institution to cover the travel-related costs of their attendees. The workshops will be held at various community college campuses within northern California.

Each of the workshops will be delivered using a combination of lecture and small group exercises. Participants in each workshop will be provided with a notebook containing copies of transparencies that will be used by the trainers, small group exercises, attendee lists, a workshop evaluation form, and other pertinent workshop related materials. Robert Visdos, President of NETWORK Consortium, will provide training at all six workshops with the assistance of Nancy Poppe at two workshops and John Chamberlin for the remaining four.

The first of the six workshops will be offered at **Los Medanos College** (Contra Costa District) on February 24-25, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Los Medanos College is located at 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA. The workshop will be held in the **Criminal Justice/Public Safety Building, Room 13/14**. There will be a \$1.00 parking fee (you must use four quarters) on the first day. Temporary parking permits will be distributed for the second day. Attached to this bulletin is a description of the first workshop in the series, a registration form, a map to the college's campus and information on local hotels that offer state rates.

If you would like to attend the first workshop please fax your name, agency, and telephone number to Denise Nagy with JTPD at (916) 653-2467. Information on additional workshops will be issued as arrangements are made.

The workshops are titled and tentatively scheduled as follows:

1. *Identifying and Selecting Appropriate Community College Programs for Dislocated Workers.* February 24-25, 1998.
2. *Assigning and Monitoring Dislocated Worker Training Contracts at Community Colleges.* March 24-25, 1998.
3. *Evaluating and Strengthening community College Programs for Dislocated Workers.* April 21-22, 1998.
4. *Keeping Workers in Training.* May 19-20, 1998.
5. *Creating Effective Dislocated Worker Programming at Community Colleges.* June 23-24, 1998.
6. *Using the Community College Partnership to Improve Dislocated Worker Services.* July 21-22, 1998.

Locations of workshops two through six will be determined at a later date. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming workshops or the array of services that NETWORK offers, please contact Robert J. Visdos, President, NETWORK Consortium, at (703) 359-6200. If you have further questions, please contact Denise Nagy with JTPD at (916) 654-7988.

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